

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THORACIC SURGERY

Announcement of 1999 Annual Meeting

The Seventy-ninth Annual Meeting of The American Association for Thoracic Surgery will be held April 18-21, 1999, in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Headquarters for the meeting will be the New Orleans Hilton Riverside Hotel. The meeting of the Association is open to all physicians. House Officers and Fellows will be admitted without payment of a registration fee upon presentation of a letter from their Chief of Service either during pre-registration or at the time of registration. Nonmember physicians will be required to pay a \$250 registration fee. Members, nonmember physicians, and invited speakers will have the privilege of discussing papers.

Requests for preregistration forms and hotel reservations

Information on the 1999 Annual Meeting, including registration, hotel accommodations, and the social program, will be available in November of 1998. Requests should be forwarded directly to:

American Association for Thoracic Surgery
Thirteen Elm Street
Manchester, MA 01944
(978) 526-8330; fax (978) 526-7521
e-mail: aats@prri.com

Registration and hotel information will be available on our website at aats.org.

Call for abstracts

For the first time, authors submitting abstracts for the 1999 Annual Meeting will have the option of electronic submission. Abstracts submitted electronically for consideration for presentation at the 1999 meeting must be received on or before October 16, 1998. Paper abstract submissions must be received on or before October 2, 1998. Abstracts received after the respective deadlines will not be considered by the Program Committee. The work must not have been presented or reported elsewhere.

Electronic submission

Deadline for submission is October 16, 1998. You are encouraged to submit your abstract electronically either on diskette or via the world wide web. AATS will provide a diskette in either MS Windows or MAC or you may download the diskette software at www.aats.org/annualmeeting/abstractsubmission. The electronic submission diskette contains all necessary instructions and you may copy the diskette to submit more than one abstract or share with a colleague. All abstract submissions must be in the structured format as required by *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*. The structured abstract is to contain the following major headings: *Objective(s)*, *Methods*, *Results*, and *Conclusions*, and it should clearly reflect the content of the completed paper. No reference should be made on the abstract to the names or institutions of the authors.

Paper submission

Deadline for submission is October 2, 1998. Abstracts should be accompanied by a Transmittal of Abstract Form, which will be available in July 1998 from the Association's office, listed above, and will appear in *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* in the July through September issues. The abstract must be submitted in the structured abstract format as required by the Journal, is limited to 250 words, and should be typed, double-spaced, on one side of one 8½ by 11-inch paper. The structured abstract is to contain the following major headings: *Objective(s)*, *Methods*, *Results*, and *Conclusions*, and it should clearly reflect the content of the completed paper. No reference should be made on the abstract to the names or institutions of the authors. Papers submitted for the Forum sessions should be clearly labeled "For Thoracic Surgery Forum" at the top of the sheet. The Forum is primarily for the presentation of current cardiothoracic research in progress, experimental problems, anatomic studies, and modified or new surgical techniques.

All abstracts submitted by nonmembers must be

sponsored by a member of the Association. Three clearly legible copies of each abstract together with one Transmittal of Abstract Form should be sent to:

Abstract Submissions
American Association for Thoracic Surgery
1000 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor
Cambridge, MA 02138

Receipt of each abstract will be acknowledged by e-mail, fax, or mail. Notification of the decision of the Program Committee will be distributed by December 31, 1998.

Essayists selected for the program are reminded that papers presented at the meeting are to be submitted for consideration for publication to *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* and must be handed to the Chair immediately prior to their presentation.

C. Walton Lillehei Resident Forum

The Second Annual C. Walton Lillehei Resident Forum will be held on Tuesday morning, April 20, 1999. Made possible through an educational grant from St. Jude Medical, the Forum will consist of the presentation of original work by residents in thoracic surgical training programs in North America. Abstracts submitted for the award should follow the guidelines of abstract submission for electronic or paper submission noted above. The abstracts submitted for consideration for this Forum will be evaluated by the Program Committee and eight will be selected for presentation during the forum. Each of the selected authors will receive round-trip travel and accom-

modations for the duration of the AATS annual meeting. Additionally, one presentation will be selected by the Program Committee to receive the AATS C. Walton Lillehei Residents' Award, a \$5,000 prize. Thoracic Surgery Program Directors are urged to have their residents participate in this Forum.

Abstract Deadlines—Abstracts received after the respective deadlines will not be considered

Electronic Submission: October 16, 1998

Paper Submission: October 2, 1998

Applications for membership

Applications for membership in the Association must be received by the Membership Committee Chairman no later than October 1, 1998. Applications received after that date will be deferred automatically for consideration until the 2000 meeting.

Applicants must be sponsored by three Active or Senior Members of the Association who are not members of the Membership Committee. Members should write the Chairman of the Membership Committee requesting that an application form be sent to the candidate. Requests may be sent to:

Chairman, Membership Committee
American Association for Thoracic Surgery
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Tirone E. David, MD, Secretary

THE WESTERN THORACIC SURGICAL ASSOCIATION

Announcement of 1999 Annual Meeting

The Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of The Western Thoracic Surgical Association will be held June 23-26, 1999, at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Olympic Valley (Lake Tahoe), California. The scientific sessions are open to all duly qualified physicians. Participation in other Association activities for members, invited guests, and program participants will require payment of a social registration fee. Nonmember physicians will be required to pay a scientific registration fee of \$200 in addition to the social registration fee.

Requests for meeting information

Meeting preregistration and hotel registration forms are available from:

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